

CLAIMS

1. (Withdrawn) A steam cooker, comprising:

a steam generator for generating steam;

a steam temperature-raising device for raising a temperature of steam coming from the steam generator; and

a heating chamber in which an object to be cooked is heated by steam supplied from the steam temperature-raising device,

said steam generator including:

a pot to which water is supplied;

a heater placed in the pot; and

a plurality of state judging devices placed in the pot and judging an exposed state of the heater from the water in the pot.

2. (Withdrawn) The steam cooker according to claim 1, wherein

the pot of the steam generator has a planar shape of generally an elongated rectangle, and

the plurality of state judging devices are placed at opposed side surfaces in the pot.

3. (Withdrawn) The steam cooker according to claim 2, wherein

the opposed side surfaces in the pot at which the plurality of state judging devices are placed correspond to short sides of the elongated rectangle of the pot.

4. (Withdrawn) The steam cooker according to claim 1, wherein

at least one of the plurality of state judging devices is a water level sensor.

5. (Withdrawn) The steam cooker according to claim 4., wherein
the water level sensor is a self-heating thermistor.
6. (Original) A steam generator, comprising:
a pot to which water is supplied;
a heater placed in the pot; and
a plurality of state judging devices placed in the pot and judging an exposed state of the heater
from the water in the pot.
7. (Original) The steam generator according to claim 6, wherein
the pot has a planar shape of generally an elongated rectangle, and
the plurality of state judging devices are placed at opposed side surfaces in the pot.
8. (Original) The steam generator according to claim 7, wherein
the opposed side surfaces in the pot at which the plurality of state judging devices are placed
correspond to short sides of the elongated rectangle of the pot.
9. (Original) The steam generator according. to claim 6, wherein
at least one of the plurality of state judging devices is a water level sensor.
10. (Original) The steam generator according to claim 9, wherein
the water level sensor is a self-heating thermistor.

11. (New) The steam generator according to claim 6, wherein the steam generator is provided in a steam cooker, the steam cooker including,

a steam temperature-raising device for raising a temperature of steam coming from the steam generator, and

a heating chamber in which an object to be cooked is heated by steam supplied from the steam temperature-raising device.